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Two Kodiak Mountain Goat Registration Hunts to Open November 1; Seven Others Will Remain Closed

(Kodiak) – Two Kodiak Island mountain goat hunts are scheduled to open November 1 and permits are currently available. Registration hunts scheduled to open include RG471 (Wild Creek - Center Mountain) and RG474 (Uganik River). To participate in RG471 or RG474, hunters must first pick up a permit at the tribal offices in Port Lions. Both of these hunts are open to Alaska residents only.

In the southwestern part of Kodiak Island (RG480) where goat populations are expanding, liberal hunting regulations allow up to a seven-month registration hunt with a two-goat bag limit for resident and nonresident hunters. Registration hunt RG480 (southwest Kodiak) opened August 20 and will remain open until March 20, unless closed by emergency order. Permits for RG480 are available online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> or in person in Anchorage, Homer, Kodiak, Palmer, and Soldotna, with a two-goat bag limit. Hunters intending to harvest two goats must obtain two permits and must report on both permits individually. Hunters obtaining two hunt permits for RG480 are limited to taking only 1 male goat.

Registration mountain goat hunts are controlled by harvest quota and hunters are encouraged to contact the Kodiak office at 907-486-1880 prior to hunting to check individual hunt status.

Registration hunts that will not open include RG472 (Crown Mountain), RG473 (Hidden Basin - East Terror Lake), RG476 (Kiliuda Bay), RG478 (South Road System; bow and arrow-only), RG479 (North Road System; bow and arrow-only) and archery/crossbow/muzzleloader-only hunts RG488 (South Road System) and RG489 (North Road System). Mild, relatively dry weather during the drawing hunt seasons created optimal hunting conditions resulting in high hunter success.

Mountain goat hunts are managed by drawing and/or registration permits. Goat harvest quotas are established annually for each hunt area. Harvest quotas in individual permit areas in Unit 8 range from 5 percent to 20 percent. If harvest objectives are not met during the drawing permit season, registration permits may be issued. Mountain goats on Kodiak originated from 11 females and seven males moved from the Kenai Peninsula to the Hidden Basin area in 1952 and 1953. The first hunting season was authorized in 1968, and

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permits have been issued each year since with permit numbers and open areas changing to reflect population trends and goat movements. Mountain goats currently occupy nearly all available goat habitats on the island, and goats have been confirmed as far southwest as Halibut Bay and Akalura Lake. Based on data from comprehensive aerial surveys, Kodiak Island's goat population is estimated at approximately 3,200 goats.

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